

Amendments to the Specification

The paragraph starting at page 21, line 13 has been further amended as follows.

In the platen 11 having such rib arrays, the platen ink absorber 12 is disposed in such a way as to fill portions other than the ribs. The platen ink absorber 12 is made of a material such as pipe pulp or high polymer, having good ink absorbing efficiency, and has holes bored in portions corresponding to the ribs of the platen 11.

The paragraph starting at page 48, line 15 has been amended as follows.

The platen ink absorber 12 is made of a material such as pipe pulp or high polymer, having good ink absorbing efficiency, and has hole holes bored in portions corresponding to the ribs of the platen 11. By combining the platen 11 with the platen ink absorber 12, a unit shown in Fig. 7B is formed, which is disposed in the recording apparatus.